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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE CITIZENS OF ABBEVILLE.—A public meeting of the citizens of Abbeville will be held in the Court House on Tuesday of next week, the 18th inst., for the purpose of paying a proper tribute to the memory of the late Hon. David Lewis Wardlaw. A number of addresses will be delivered, and a full attendance is desired.

DEATH OF HON. D. L. WARDLAW.

Head of One of Abbeville's Noblest and Most Illustrious Sons.

It is with profound sadness that we discharge the painful duty of announcing the death of one of Abbeville's noblest and most honored sons, that of the Hon. D. L. Wardlaw, who expired at his residence here at 5 o'clock on Sunday morning last. He had been an invalid for months, and a little over a week ago was so seriously attacked, that it was evident that his days were numbered. As it was, however, the summons came ever sooner than was expected. After passing a peaceful night, he awoke on Sunday morning last, apparently refreshed, and after a short conversation with his son-in-law, Gen. McGowan, turned over for the purpose of taking another sleep. Alas it was "the sleep which knows no waking," and in a few moments the spirit of the grand old man had passed away, so peacefully and tranquilly, so child-like in its serenity, that death seemed to have counterfeited the lineaments of sleep, and curtailed the bedside of the dying slave with the drapery of pleasant dreams. An end so peaceful was a fitting close to a life so pure, so noble, and so consistent.

In the long list of Abbeville worthies, whose achievements reflected honor upon us, and whose memories we delight to cherish, there are few, if any, whose death could have awakened the same profound sadness, the same sense of personal bereavement among our people, as that of Judge Wardlaw. Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Pettigru, and Judge Cheves were born here, and Mr. McDuffie resided here many years, but in one sense "though among us they were not of us," they selected other fields for the exercise of their talents, and we shared with other sections the fame of their greatness. But Judge Wardlaw was peculiarly our own—our own in his life and in his death. Here he drew the breath of infancy, here were developed his growing powers, here were exercised in their full maturity his commanding talents and influence, and here was the scene of his earliest and latest triumphs. We rejoiced in his fame and enjoyed the full benefit of his counsels. We saw him in his daily life, a man to be loved and admired; one in whose fame we all had a part, and of whose cordial love and wide-reaching sympathies we were all participants. He had grown up among us, had been a prominent actor in our past, and was emphatically one of us. He was familiar with our history—the legends of our hills, and all the details of neighborhood and family incident. As he had known the fathers he felt a kindly interest in the sons; as he had known our people intimately so he appreciated and loved them. We need not say how fully that love and appreciation were reciprocated by the people of Abbeville, and how much enshrined he was in the regard and affections of us all. The evidences of these were exhibited repeatedly during a long life-time, and never more brightly than in its closing years, and now in the deep grief which saddens the hearts of our people, and in the sense of personal loss which comes to every home in Abbeville, is found the best testimony to the worth of the man,

and to the popular love and admiration in which he was held. In him we all lose the trusted counselor and the sympathizing friend—one endeared to us by the cherished memories of the past, and to whom, in his serene wisdom, we still fondly looked to guide us in the perils of the future.

Hon. David Lewis Wardlaw was the eldest of a large family, many of whom survive, and who are known and honored among us. He was the son of James and H. Wardlaw, was the first native of our town, and was born on the twenty-eighth of March, 1799, being at the time of his death in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

His father was for many years the Clerk of the Court for Abbeville, and had the reputation of being one of the most capable and efficient officers in the State. In January 1810, the deceased was sent to the celebrated academy of Dr. Waddell, at Willington, where he was prepared for the South Carolina College, and which he entered in November 1814, graduating after a two years' course, in December 1816, with the first honors of his class, not having yet attained the age of eighteen years. His brother, Francis H., the late distinguished Chancellor, and who was one year his junior, graduated in the following year, also with the first honors of his class. The deceased studied law at Abbeville with Patrick Noble, Esq., afterwards Governor, and one of Abbeville's most loved and honored names, and with whom he was for some time associated in practice. He was admitted to the Bar, as Attorney at Law and Solicitor in Equity, in 1820, and soon rose to eminence in his profession, and attained to a large practice.

In October 1826 he was elected to the Legislature, and at the meeting of that body he was elected in December 1826 Speaker of the House of Representatives; the duties of which he discharged for many years and with signal ability. In December 1841, he was elected Circuit Judge, and upon the establishment of the separate Court of Appeals, would have been transferred to that tribunal, but preferred his position on the Circuit, where he remained until finally in 1866 he was elected to the Supreme Bench, having as his associates Judges Dunkin and Inglis. He was President of the State Convention of 1865, was one of the Commissioners appointed by that Convention to wait on President Johnson, and was afterwards a delegate to the Philadelphia Convention of 1868.

Such is a meagre outline of some of the facts in the life of the deceased, and of the official positions held by him in a long life-time. They show the precocity of his genius, his commanding ability and controlling influence. But to other and abler pens we shall consign the task of doing full justice to the life and public services of the deceased, and to the ability and fidelity with which he discharged every public trust. Let it content us to echo the universal sentiment, that as a lawyer he was the bold, unflinching and eloquent advocate; as a Speaker of the House, the model of a presiding officer, ready, courteous, and firm; as a Judge on the Circuit, he was patient, laborious, painstaking, just; and as a member of the Court of Appeals, learned in all the lore of his profession, and bringing to the solution of its vexed questions the serene wisdom of a highly endowed and highly cultivated intellect. Truly might Chief Justice Dunkin say of him, after an intimate acquaintance of twenty years, "He was the wisest man in counsel I ever knew."

The sagacity and foresight, as well as the true heroism of the man was well illustrated in that memorable scene in the grove near Abbeville, which opened the ball of our Revolution. The words of wisdom then disregarded, came to us with the force of prophecy afterwards, and now with love and admiration, we look back to that noble sacrifice of opinion to the good of others, which induced the great, good man to seek if haply he might, to direct the storm which he could not repress. We know with what sagacity he divined all the troubles which were to come upon us; yet we further know with what unselfish devotion he identified himself with the Southern cause, and when all was lost, how among the first he counseled submission and reconciliation.

We shall not attempt, as we have said, any labored eulogy upon the character of Judge Wardlaw, but in referring to his intellectual endowments, we cannot refrain from adverting to the extent and variety of his attainments. He was not merely the learned lawyer and eminent jurist, but the scholar of large converse with books in every department of learning, and those

who were best qualified to judge were astonished at the extent and accuracy of his information. He had no special taste for scholastic and metaphysical subtleties, but in the wide domain of literature, science and art—in history, biography, ethnology, antiquities, and in all the departments of useful knowledge, his active mind found congenial employment. In the full spirit of the Latin poet, he was a man; and esteemed nothing human as foreign to his tastes.

With powers so great, and attainments so large, were joined a modesty of deportment and simplicity of character, which are the usual accompaniments of greatness. There were a lack of pretension, and a forgetfulness of self, which in themselves constituted the high charm of his character. To the poorest he extended the hand of welcome, and in the cordiality of his manner and the benignity of his presence taught him to be at ease. Here was the secret of much of his popularity; but it was in the truth, honesty and sincerity of the man—in the nobility of his nature and the integrity of his character—that the public confidence was grounded, strengthened and confirmed. The public were permitted to look into his soul, and to find that every pulsation of his being was in unison with theirs, and every instinct of his nature was alive to their interests. They believed him honest, and as they trusted him, he repaid them by the services of a life time.

Few men have ever lived who cherished a more catholic spirit than Judge Wardlaw, one more tolerant of the opinions of others and less wedded to the conclusions of his own mind. His sympathies were wide, his charity boundless. His was the nature which sought good in everything—points of agreement rather than occasions of difference. Hence he was well-fitted to be an umpire between contending parties, the arbiter of opposing interest, in whose judgment, discretion and sympathy, all might rely. Few men have ever carried into old age more of the freshness and joyousness of youth, which made itself apparent in the sunny smile which irradiated his face, and in the kindly sympathy which characterized all his intercourse with the young. He kept his heart free from the suspicious, antipathies and joyousness of youth, which made itself apparent in the sunny smile which irradiated his face, and in the kindly sympathy which characterized all his intercourse with the young.

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DEATH OF DR. J. W. HEARST.

Death has been abroad in our land during the past week, and among its victims, it has numbered few purer or better men than Dr. John Wardlaw Hearst, who died at his residence in the lower part of our county, from disease of the heart on Thursday last. He had been afflicted with paralysis some months since, and had partially recovered, and at last has been suddenly taken away amid the profound grief of a large circle of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Dr. Hearst was a member of a well-known and honored family, and in him its characteristic traits found a true exponent and fit representative. Though unobtrusive in his deportment, yet such was his sterling worth, rare judgment and high integrity, that he became one of the most popular and trusted representatives of Abbeville, in the State Legislature. We knew him well and can bear testimony to the purity and nobility of his character. He was one of those with whom personal contact deepens the sentiments of esteem, regard and love. A circumstance related to us will show the strict conscientiousness and high integrity of the man. He once owned the valuable tract of land in Abbeville County on which the Dorn Gold Mine was discovered, and had entered into a contract to sell it. Before however any legal obligation had been executed the discovery was made, and he might have rescinded the contract, and put several hundred thousand dollars in his pocket. But no; his word was his bond, and his integrity was not to be weighed in the balances with silver and gold. The contract was executed, and the transfer was made. Again he had paid a counsel fee in money which afterwards became valueless in the hands of his lawyer, and after the war insisted in paying the uttermost farthing, and could only be prevailed at last to retain one half the fee. Such facts need no comment.

Liberal and public spirited, his benefactions were princely in aid of every good cause. The Church of his faith found in him a steady friend, and liberal supporter, and his own College of Erskine had in him a staunch and unflinching patron. Possessed of ample means, and with no children, he had the spirit and the ability to give, and exercised them fully. His loss will be deeply felt and universally deplored.

JOURNAL OF THE EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.—We are indebted to Wm. H. Parker, Esq., for a copy of the Journal of the late Episcopal Convention which met in Camden in May last. It is a neatly printed, interesting pamphlet, from the press of Walker, Evans & Cogswell, and has been issued with commendable promptness. The report of Church Work exhibits a gratifying increase in the amount of the annual contributions to the extent of some \$22,000—one of the best evidences of vital progress. Our own contributions swell to over \$1,800, with a church-membership of about fifty communicants.

THE SOUTH CAROLINIAN.—We regret to announce the suspension of this staunch journal, which has been conducted with rare ability and independence, but which has been forced to succumb to the pecuniary pressure of the times. We trust that another time and under better auspices, the efforts of editors and proprietors will be rewarded with merited success.

THE GREENVILLE AND COLUMBIA RAILROAD.—The Phoenix calls attention to the increasing business and prosperity of this Road, under the experienced and efficient management of Superintendent Dodamead. The bridge over Broad River is nearly completed, and as soon as the present litigation which embarrasses the Road is over, it is contemplated to put it in first-class condition.

THE CAPTURED MODOCOS.—Gen. Davis, it seems, was about to execute a dozen of the captured Modocos, with true military promptitude, when he was stayed by orders from headquarters—and to the extreme disgust of the army at the delay.

OUR COURT.—The June Term of our Court opens here on Monday next, His Honor Judge Cooke presiding. The criminal docket is a light one, and a short Term is anticipated.

MINISTER ORR'S REMAINS.—The Masons and civic authorities of New York city are making extensive preparations for paying due honors to the remains of Minister Orr upon their arrival.

COLUMBIA LETTER.

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 6th, 1873. "I wish some one would kick me into the middle of October" was the remark of a leading merchant on the street to-day, and he probably had two reasons for such a sudden jerk ahead of time; the dullness of the season, and the warm weather, the only redeeming feature of which is the putting into the coffers of the summer clothing dealers an additional number of ducats. Speaking of ducats, naturally gives a turn of mind towards THE MONEY MARKET, which at this time is flat; "very stringent" is the term applied here, but it does not cover the case. There is something queer about this city when a money tightness comes around, as it is sure to come whenever there is any excuse for it to be found in New York. That city it will be remembered was affected about three weeks ago with a little fluctuation, but it soon got over it, and now money goes a begging there at low rates; in this Columbia does not follow suit, but hangs at the same notch it was sent down to when the stringency occurred there. It helps to postpone payment of bills, if one gets hardened to the inflexible duncans. It is pretty generally conceded now that all those confiding planters who invested in "futures" lost their venture; they have taken their losses philosophically, and learned a lesson besides. But the capital taken out of this State by such operations is counted by the hundreds of thousands and the consequences felt. There is absolutely nothing doing in State paper. The bonds of the State were quoted to-day in New York at 15 1/2 cents. An editor from a county above to-day, (and not from yours,) was inquiring anxiously about the payment of his little bill, but all to no purpose. What right has an editor to have any money?

THE STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION.

This association has been holding its annual meeting this week, which has been more than usually interesting. Clinical demonstrations have been made daily, and the subjects pertaining to the treatment of the teeth, thoroughly discussed. Thomas T. Moore, a young man of national reputation in his profession, is president of the association. Abbeville is represented by J. S. Thompson, who is the Secretary of and also an active participant in the meetings. Dr. Wardlaw, formerly of Abbeville, and a member of the association is now a corresponding member, he having removed from the State.

RAILROADS AND RAILROAD AFFAIRS.

The building of railroads helps any country in more ways than one, and from many points in the State we hear of increasing interest in the matter. Of course the same old strife occurs concerning the amount and manner in which the respective counties shall aid the projects, but it is pretty well settled upon, that the narrow gauge Chester and Lenoir road will be built. Kames who figured so conspicuously during the last session of the Legislature in lobbying through the New York, Norfolk and Charleston railroad charter, and who departed so suddenly that he was missed very sadly by a number of the members, perhaps who had counted upon a good suit of Swaffield's best to return to their homes in, has at been heard from in Philadelphia. The charter contains a stipulation that the road shall be commenced within two and finished within five years. Mr. Kames will have to move quicker than he has done, or one will ever have the pleasure of visiting Gotham by that route. There has been a largely increased prosperity with the most of the roads during the present year. The Greenville & Columbia never did as well before, and during the present dull season is transacting a much larger business than it did during the corresponding month last year.

To-day the creditors of the Blue